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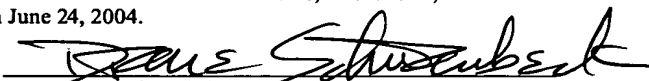
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Reference L is in the Japanese language. The relevance of Reference L may be ascertained by reviewing the corresponding English language abstract (see Reference Q).

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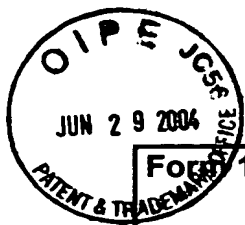
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